NEW YEAR'S GREETINGS FROM THE DISTRICT STAFF



Back row, I-r: Janie Olson, Adele Berggren, Pearl Stump, Patti Elmes, Steve Asmuth, Goldia Anderson, Ed Cole, Fred Greve, Judi Schultz, Willa Vae Bowles, Margaret Bond; front row: Rev. and Mrs. R. A. Wilson, Rev. and Mrs. Joseph L. Gerhart, Rev. and Mrs. Jack R. Edgar. JANUARY 1965

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TURLOCK CHRIST'S AMBASSADORS CONVENTION, 1964

Predominantly teen-age crowds converged upon Bethel Temple in the heart of Turlock, California, during the 1964 Christ's Ambassadors Convention. Beginning Thanksgiving night, November 26, the convention was loaded with youth-slanted events designed to inspire and instruct through to the concluding Saturday night Missions Rally.

At least 1,000 people attended the opening rally when the featured speaker, Rev. Bobby Hoskins, gave the keynote message on the Convention theme, "Youth Can Change the World." Using illustrations of young people he personally had encountered around the world, he showed how Christ's Ambassadors could change

their immediate world through the power of Christ.

Prior to the Friday evening rally, at least 125 youths participated in "Operation: Turlock," a teen-age evangelism literature saturation of the city. At 7:00 p.m., over 1,800 people crowded into the fairground's auditorium in one of the largest meetings ever held there. The service was geared toward youth evangelism, and following a musical presentation by two Bethany Bible College ensembles, Bro. Hoskins presented a gospel message. At least 15 young people responded to the invitation for salvation.

The Saturday evening service was slanted toward youth and missions. Bro. Hoskins showed one of his twenty



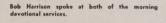
Lorene Larson (left) was in charge of the Registration Desk.

over 1800 crowded into the County Fairgrounds auditorium on Friday night.





District C.A. Vice-President coordinated the 1964
Youth Congress.





Bethel Temple, Turlock, site of Nov. 26-28 C.A. Convention.



Max Eleiott led the Teen Choir on Saturday night





Temple, Turlock.

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films that he personally produced while traveling in missionary evangelism. A surprise Speed-the-Light check for \$3,600.00 was presented to missionary appointees, Rev. and Mrs. Alex Shevchuk, by D-CAP Steve Asmuth for the automobile to be used by the Shevchuks in the Philippine Islands.

The theme of the Convention was further carried out in forums conducted on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning. Geared to specific age groups, the forums focused upon the convention subtheme, "I am a missionary."

Speaking both mornings at the devotional service was Rev. Bob Har-

rison, an associate evangelist with the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association. Along with his messages that dovetailed beautifully into the convention theme, Bro. Harrison rendered several inspiring musical selections.

Greater crowds than ever attended the 10th Annual Teen-C.A. Talent Search which was conducted by District C.A. Secretary-Treasurer, Eddie Kramer. The winners are pictured (to the right).

District C.A. Vice-President, Elmer Bueno, coordinated the Second Annual Youth Congress. Speaker of the House, David Lim, did a masterful job in chairing the congress. He is succeeded by newly elected Jerry Sheppard, who will preside over the 1965 Youth Congress. Various resolutions were passed by the 96 delegates from all over the district of Northern California and Nevada.

At least 700 young people attended the 10:00 p.m. Singspiration held Friday in Bethel Temple. Following a sing-along combined with a variety of musical selections, refreshments were served in the church basement.

Other features of the convention helped to make this one of the greatest youth conclaves ever held in our district. The blessing of the Lord was rich in each of the services and activities. From this gathering, we believe more youth will begin to change their world for the Lord Jesus Christ.



Ann and Alex Shevchuk, missionary appointees, were interviewed Saturday evening by D-CAP Steve Armuth.



Featured speaker was Bobby Hoskins, missionary evangelist.



Aida Yabut (left), Sharon Beard, and Nancy Yabut of Newark won the yocal ensemble division.



Sharon Beard of Newark received the first-place trophy from Eddie Kramer, District C.A. Secretary-Treasurer.



Haxel Hoskins played an "Around the World" offertory.



Kathy Robey (left) and Deidre Brooks of Redwood City won the instrumental ensemble division of the Teen-C.A. Talent Search.



Janice Peacock, pianist, of El Sobrante (Central) won the instrumental solo division.

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New "Speaker of the House" Jerry Sheppard (left) accepts the Youth Congress gavel from outgoing David Lim.



GOD IS GOOD by Ruben A. Wilson Jr.

GOD IS GOOD; seems to some to be a rather trite expression characterising the ruler of the universe. Yet this simple statement is profoundly

true, God is good!

An internationally known evangelist has inspired multitudes to trust the Lord for miracles of divine healing with a brief motto; 'God is a good God". It may sound like an oversimplification, certainly a lot more eloquence could be used to describe the diety, majesty, splendor, and power of God. But it is true. God is a good God

A member in a California assembly often interjects into her personal testimony the words "God is so good". The adverb enhances the superiority of the goodness of God. We are privileged to live day by day under the providential protection of the Lord who knows the exact number of hairs upon our head. He sees the sparrow fall, and appreciates the importance of each individual lily that grows in profuse abundance in the open fields. Is it any wonder that Spirit-filled believers want to sing, and shout, and testify about the goodness of God?

Children learn simple prayers to bless their meals. Many have been taught to say: "For all we eat, and all we wear, we thank thee Heavenly Father for thy loving care." Others is good, now we thank Him for our food." How important that children have instilled within their tender minds a knowledge and appreciation of God's goodness in supplying their everyday needs.

A Negro spiritual that is currently receiving a great deal of popularity is the song entitled "GOD IS SO GOOD TO ME". In spite of our personal unworthiness and inconsistancy we are continually conscious of God's pre-

vailing goodness to us.

Some people like to refer to God with the title The Good Lord. It's a Biblical expression that dates back to II Chronicles 30:18 when King Hezekiah prayed for the people. Another Scriptural writer often wrote of the Lord's goodness. David in Psalm 100:5 says "For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.'

We assume that the word good is derivitive of the Word God. Jesus expressed this in his rebuke to the rich young ruler by saying: " . . . there is none good but one, that is

A PRAYER FOR THE MIDDLE-AGED

"Lord, Thou knowest better than I know myself that I am growing older and will some day be old. Keep me from the fatal habit of thinking I must say something on every subject and on every occasion. Release me from craving to try to straighten out everybody's affairs. Make me thoughtful but not moody, helpful but not bossy. With my vast store of wisdom, it seems a pity not to use it all-but Thou knowest, Lord, that I want a few friends at the end.

"Keep my mind free from the recital may have learned "God is great, God of endless details. Give me wings to get to the point. Seal my lips on my aches and pains. They are increasing and love of rehashing them is becoming sweeter as the years go by.

> "I dare not ask for improved memory, but for a growing humility and a lessening cock-sureness when my memory seems to clash with the memories of others. Teach me the glorious lesson that occasionally I may be mistaken.

> "Keep me reasonably sweet. I do not want to be a saint-some of them are so hard to live with-but a sour old person is one of the crowning works of the devil. Give me the ability to see the good things in unexpected places and talents in unexpected people. Give me the grace to tell them so. AMEN.

> > -Anonymous

God . . . " (Mark 10:18). The Apostle James reminds us, "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above ..." (James 1:17). Let us be quick to recognize and thank God for His goodness.

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WHY MAKE A WILL?

100 Good Reasons

Why You Should . . . And At Once!

In the MIDDLE AGES one of the greatest gifts which a king could bestow upon one of his subjects was to give him the privilege of passing on to his heirs the property and rights he had accumulated. All title was assumed to be in the king. When a subject died, the king could give the property to whomever he chose, unless the ruler granted the subject the privilege of naming his own beneficiary. In those days men fought for the favor of the king, in the hope that he might confer on them this privilege.

Today we take as a matter of course the fact that we have the right to leave our property to whomever we choose. The opportunity presented by this privilege is often neglected. By and large it will be found that in three out of every four cases where a man died leaving an estate, he left no will to control the distribution of that estate.

What is a will? It is a simple legal document which enables the deceased to control the distribution of his property in the way, he or she wants it to go, to protect those who survive.

Many people feel that they do not need a will because they have so little property. Those who feel like this are amazed when they sit down with a lawyer or accountant and list all of the property that they own—and take for granted. It is practically a rule that the smaller the estate the more need there is for a will — if for nothing else, to avoid legal and court expenses that can quickly eat up the whole estate.

When There Is No Will

What happens when a man dies without leaving a will? His property in such a case, passes on to his heirs according to the statute of descent in the state in which he resides.

In most states, this is clear cut. If a man dies and leaves a wife and no other relatives, she gets everything. If there are one or more children, two-thirds of his property is divided equally among them and the rest goes to his wife. Where there are no children and he leaves a wife and parents and brothers or sisters, his wife gets all his personal property and half his real estate; the remainder goes equally to the others. Where there are only child-dren and no widow, the children share everything equally.

JOSEPH L. GEARHART

District Superintendent



CIDMINIST RETUVERY SPECKING

If a man leaves neither children nor a wife, first degree relatives—parents, brothers, sisters or children of deceased brothers or sisters—divide the estate equally. Where none of these exists, the estate goes to relatives of next degree of relation, according to the statute of descent. And, if a man dies without leaving any relatives at all, the state becomes his heir.

Where you know just what will happen to your property under the law of descent and you are willing to have your estate pay expensive extra court costs, there is no need for you to make a will at all. But circumstances change, and what may be the law today may not be at the time of death. States have had some very strange provisions in their statutes of descent in the past.

What Will Happen

Here are some of the things that may result if you should die without leaving a will.

▶ Your wife will probably be appointed guardian of your children by the court. She will have to report to the Probate Court each year and present an accounting of how, why and where she spent the money necessary for the proper care of your children.

Your wife will have to give a Performance Bond to the Probate Court as a guarantee that she will exercise proper judgment in the handling, investing and spending of the children's money.

When your children reach legal age, they will have the right to demand and receive from your wife a complete accounting of every penny she spent in their behalf.

▶ When your daughter reaches the age of 18, she will have the right to withdraw her share of your estate and spend it in any manner she sees fit. Your son will be able to do the same when he reaches 21.

▶ If your wife should die before you do, or while your children are minors, you will have no right to determine who should be the guardian of your children. It will be up to your relatives to decide this question and, if they cannot decide, the court will appoint a guardian.

Under existing laws, there are various legal steps which may be taken to mini-

mize inheritance and other taxes. No such steps are taken if you die without leaving a will, thus depriving your widow and children of much-needed additional income.

If your wife should remarry, her second husband will be entitled to one-third of everything she owns. If your children should require financial assistance at a later date, he is under no obligation to spend any part of his share for their benefit. On his death, the second husband can pass on to anyone he has chosen, this one-third of your former wife's possessions, even to the full exclusion of your own children.

Always Have A Will

There is a further serious drawback in allowing the state to determine who shall inherit your estate. All the state can do to dispose of a man's property is to determine the order in which various relatives can claim heirship. It cannot distinguish between one son who may be wealthy and another who may be a bedridden pauper; both will share equally under the law. Nor can it choose between three children, to determine which will best be able to continue a business. It has no knowledge of the needs, strengths and weaknesses of your family situation as you have. The law can make no provision for the young and the old, for the child who may be sick, for the son who is ready to enter college, for the daughter about to get married, for a parent in a nursing home, for a favorite charity. For all of these reasons, it is the duty of practically all men, certainly all married men, to make a will and keep it up to date.

It must be emphasized that the making of a will is a highly technical matter, and that it is always advisable that a competent attorney prepare it. The overwhelming majority of inheritance cases which ended up in court, with resulting heavy legal costs and embittered family battles, got there because a testator preferred a do-it-yourself job rather than pay a usually small fee to an attorney. In most of these cases the squabbles and dissipation of inheritances in legal quarrels came about because the wills were

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MISSIONS ITEMS

DON CORBINS

The Don Corbins visited the Richard Fulmers in Frankfurt on their way to Switzerland for language study prior to missionary duties in Senegal. Their new address is 29 Ave. des Figuiers, Lausanne, Switzerland.

DOWDY and COOPER

Lowell Dowdy and Paul Cooper of Ecuador are taking a step in faith. The building they have been renting for two years is to be sold on a fore-closure at one-third the market value and they plan to buy it. A four-story, reinforced concrete building with an auditorium seating 2,000, it will also house the new Bible Institute, have missionary quarters, a bookstore and conference offices. Stand with these missionaries in prayer and finance.

RILEY KAUFMANS

Rilene Kaufman in Hong Kong is definitely in need of healing. Special prayer on her behalf is requested. She is the 12 year old daughter of the Riley Kaufmans.

DAVID KASTS

David and Gretchen Kast expected to arrive at their new field early in December. Address them Box 54, Wepener (OFS), South Africa.

MARIE NEUFELD

Marie Neufeld returned to the States after a year's service in Youth With A Mission in Upper Volta. Changing planes in Ghana she was met by Eileen Anderson and her son Kim. At the St. Louis airport she also saw the Don Corbins on their way overseas.

PAUL WRIGHTS

The Paul Wrights have been asked to move to Dedza and serve as Principal of the Bible School in addition to their other missionary duties. Their address is P.O. Box 81, Dedza, Malawi, Central Africa.

February Is Home Missions Month

February is National Home Missions Month and this year's slogan is SHARE THE LIFE. Our District Home Missions Board has requested that every fellowship meeting during February be dedicated to Home Missions.

J. W. Tucker Martyred in Congo

Official word from the National Missions Department concerning J. W. Tucker of the Arkansas District who was beaten to death November 25 has been received. "For more than two months the Foreign Missions Department has been completely out of touch with the Tucker family . . .

"The rebel advance had been so swift and communications so completely shut off that there had been absolutely no authentic word from the State Department whose consular officers themselves were under arrest.

"The policy of the Foreign Missions Department, and which is well known to our missionary staff, is that wherever there is U.S. government representation our missionaries are asked to follow the advice of the United States Embassy in staying or leaving when there are political disturbances." Why the Tuckers stayed on in Paulis is not known at this time. Mrs. Tucker, her family and two single missionary ladies escaped harm.

3-Year Report on Minuteman Program

It has been three years since the Minuteman Program for Home Missions was adopted. Prior to this we had other Extension Programs but the decision was made to go entirely on a revolving fund basis in our church extension. By that we mean that money donated to the fund would not be given to a local church but used in the project until it could be paid back to the fund, and then used again in another place.

The goal of \$10,000 was never reached. However, we do thank every one who had a part in the Minuteman Program. We still need Minuteman donations.

We have discovered that some of our people have money which they do not feel they can donate but they would like to have it used in building churches. So we started a Minuteman Loan Fund. This has proven a bless-

His Plan

When I stand at the judgment seat of Christ,

And He shows me His plan for me, The plan of my life as it might have been

Had He had His way and I see How I blocked Him here, and I checked Him there,

And I would not yield my will Will there be grief in my Saviours' eves

Grief though He love me still?
He would have me rich, and I stand
there poor,

Stripped of all but His grace, While memory runs like a hunted thing

Down the paths I cannot retrace. Then my derelict heart will wellnigh break

With tears that I cannot shed;
I shall cover my face with my empty

I shall bow my uncrowned head . . . Lord, of the years that are left to me, I give them to thy hand;

Take me and break me, mold me to The pattern — Thou hast planned.

MARTHA SNELL NICHOLSON



ing. This loan fund is used the same as the Minuteman money. The only difference is that we must pay interest on the loan.

Any one who would like to know more about this loan fund, please contact the District Office. The Home Missions Board is willing to pay reasonable interest for money that can be used in our Home Mission work.

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Child Evangelists Norman and Loretta Kaupanger conducted a "Kid's Krusade" for five nights, which was most successful with extra good attendance. Enthusiasm ran high and over fifty went to the altar for prayer. The enrollment was 169.

Reverend Don McLean was guest speaker at a C.A. service. Pastor D.

Edward Park.

GILROY

Glad Tidings recently enjoyed the ministry of Rev. T. P. Beck of Salinas. Rev. Beck's ministry on faith was a real blessing. The Lord confirmed His Word with several miracles. One lady who had had an operation on her ear years ago and was totally deaf in that ear, was completely healed. Another lady was healed of "periscope vision" - several other miracles were performed.

Other recent guest speakers were the Jacob Kockers and the Leland Goods who participated in a Missionary Convention. A missionary budget for 1965 amounting to \$2,000.00 was pledged. Pastor David F. Hood.

Hoopa Assembly was host to the November fellowship meeting with M. L. Crosson and Fred Kirkwood as speakers. The Hoopa Assembly had a successful 1964 summer camp with Robert Doherty of Redding and the Paul Clark Party. The morning Bible Teacher was Pastor Wilford M. Frazier.

On October 25th, First Assembly celebrated their 41st Anniversary. Former pastors were guest speakers -Rev. Harold Persing of 1929; Rev. Sherman Cox of 1946; and Rev. James Belchar of 1934. These former pastors and their wives and many 'Old-Timers' made the day a great "Homecoming Day.' Seven charter members were honored in the services who remain as active members in the Assembly. The church has bought new property and plans are being drawn to construct a new building within the next year. Pastor R. S. Robertson.

MT. SHASTA

Rev. Ed Cole, Dick Black, and Ken Kelterborn were featured speakers at a Men's Fellowship Banquet. Other recent guest speakers were Charles Redger, representing Teen Challenge and Joe Jones and Bill Gors from Santa Cruz. Pastor D. M. Vallo.

The sixth annual Christmas Day worship service in music for one hour beginning at 10:00 a.m. was held in the Assembly of God, 5970 Thornton Ave. on December 25. A unique feature of the program was the playing of 100-year-old Swiss bells by Pastor and Mrs. Rahner.

A 4-day evangelistic campaign of prayer and divine healing with Victor and Marie Le Douz of Los Angeles will begin New Year's Eve at 8:00 p.m. The Le Doux's have been used of the Lord in a miraculous way in prayer for the sick. Victor Le Doux is a former French interpreter at the United Nations when in San Francisco. He was a Catholic monk for four years studying for the priesthood. He is now filled with the Holy Spirit and preaching Pentecost. Pastor Andrew Rahner.

SAN FRANCISCO

Recognizing that senior citizens are often the forgotten members of our society, Glad Tidings Temple is attempting to serve them through a missionary outreach to all people over 60 years of age regardless of race or religion. The program began October 7th and takes place one day each week at the church. The project is designed to be of help to people who are alone and isolated.

The work of the church in this area will help the aged by reviving old skills and interests, by developing new skills and interests, and by enabling the participants to make new friendships. For many seniors, the contact with members at Glad Tidings gives them a whole new purpose in life and a feeling that there is someone who really cares about them. The Senior Center is a place where each person is made to feel important, where they can come for love and affection, and for help in solving their problems.

The Senior Center is staffed by a group of volunteer women from the church who have undergone a 20 week course of instruction in the philosophy of understanding the aged, techniques of working with groups, and a variety of craft skills.

Seniors who attend the Center spend the morning either in a craft class, a discussion group led by the Rev. Paul Bruton, Jr., or assisting in the kitchen. The entire group gets together for lunch, followed by singing and exercises.

The ultimate goal is to lead these Senior Citizens to a decision for Christ. Pastor Floyd W. Thomas.

WATSONVILLE

The Full Gospel Church of Las Lomas has just completed a very successful meeting with Evangelist T. P. Beck. The theme of the Crusade was "Victorious Christian Living." Through the Preaching of the Word on this theme many received an insight into victory through Christ which they had not realized before. Several testified of being healed. This was Brother Beck's second meeting with us this year. I highly recommend him and his ministry for the present day need of the church. Pastor James F. Whertley.

WOODLAND

Recent guest speakers and musicians at Full Gospel Church have included the 4-Jays quartette with the Al Lindvalls, Evangelist Garth Owens and Evangelist Waymon (Tex) Rutledge. The new educational unit is now in use and a bus purchased. Pastor R. A. Wilson, Jr.

LIVERMORE

Calvary Temple recently benefited from the ministries of Rev. Fred Greve and Ed Cole. Over \$3,600 was pledged in the Missionary Convention in which the following missionaries participated, Rev. Kenneth Short, Rev. James Swanson, Rev. and Mrs. Mc-Lean, and Mr. and Mrs. James Dresbach.

FAIRFIELD

Pastor Paul C. Schoch of Oakland, California, recently conducted a "Spiritual Life Crusade" with meetings every morning and night for a week. Pastor Schoch has blessed our congregation with his teaching ministry on living victorious, liberal and productive Christian lives. During the week, ten were saved and one filled with the Holy Spirit.

Our congregation enjoyed the ministry of Evangelist Ralph Cranston in a recent service. Pastor Eugene W.

1965 DISTRICT CALENDAR

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Chr. Ed Area Leadership Course—El Sobrante		C.A. Sr. Hi Camp—Mt. Lassen Boys & Girls Camp—B.P.
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Wasie Schiller Bethany Lark	12 - 11	Boys & Girls Camp—Meeker
	19 - 24	Ir. Hi Camp—Mt. Lassen
Sectional Home Missions Rallies	26 - 31	Boys & Girls Camp—Redwood
	2 - 11	Mt. Lassen Adult Camp
C.A. Reps Seminar-Meteor Ranch	14 - 25	Redwood Adult Camp
	13 - 16	North Nevada Section Camp
BBC Alumni Homecoming	AUGUST	
	25 - 31	General Council, Des Moines, Iowa
District Convention		C.A. Camp—Redwood
		C.A. Camp-Lake Tahoe
C.A. Leadership Seminar	9 - 12	WMC Retreat—Bethany Park
WMC Sec. Dir. Seminar	SEPTEMBER	
	21-Oct. 2	Fall Ministers Institute
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Home Missions Tour	OCTOBER	
	25 - 29	Planning Council
	9 - 10	Chi Alpha Retreat
	9	MF Convention—Oakland
	11 - 14	WMC Fall Retreat—Silver Spur Lodge
Royal Ranger "Pow Wow"		
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West Coast A.C.T.S.—Bethany Park	2 30	The state of the s
Adult B.P. Camp	DECEMBER	
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PASTOR'S MUSINGS

JAMES R. SWANSON Bethel Church Hayward

Today I share with you some of my Sunda night, after church, beforegoing-to-sleep, musings-

THINGS I AM HAPPY ABOUT . . . The faithful friends of the church that I can always count on to be in their place at every service.

The consciousness of God's presence in the services of the day.

The realization that now—as I lay here in my room at home - that Bethel Temple's ministry is still

going on across the seas. Although the sun has set here, it never sets on Bethel Temple's ministry of Outreach.

The wonderful reports we have received from the Youth with a Mission team in the Bahamas.

The privilege of being a part of the great work, reaping a ripened harvest around the world.

THINGS I AM UNHAPPY ABOUT...

The Sunday School workers who didn't show up today and neglected to call their Dept. Superintendent.

The Choir Members sitting in the audience.

The Choir Members who were present this morning and not there tonight, as if the night service was not as important as the mornings.

Quite a few away today-I wonder

where they were? At the lake, at the cabin, I suppose some of them I won't see until the Summer's over. I wonder if they remembered to say, "Good-bye, God, see you when school starts"?

I saw a visitor today trying to crash the service through the crowd of visiting saints in the fover-I hope that he will be back.

Well, I must try and get to sleep. After all, these people are not working and serving me, they are working for the Lord. I hope they are not too unconcerned to miss the rapture-Luke 21:34-36.

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REPORT: Oakland, Calvary Temple Royal Rangers Outpost

The Royal Rangers outpost at Calvary Temple in Oakland was started in April of 1964. Since that time the group has grown to a total membership of 15. At the present time they only have Pioneers, but plan to begin the Trailblazer program next April.

These Royal Rangers have been working with many different projects. They have made baskets out of ice cream sticks, and have made leather goods such as moccasins, coin cases, wallets, and comb cases. In addition, they have worked with plastic models and built their own kites. Future projects include woodwork and crystal radio sets.

The Royal Rangers have especially enjoyed their outings. These times together have helped them not only to develop physically, but to know each other better and enjoy Christian fellowship. On a Saturday outing the fellows had a chance to fly the kites they had built. One Saturday took them on a three mile hike at Coe State Park. They had one overnight campout at Sunol Regional Park. Another camp-out took place at Strawberry Lake and lasted two days and nights, Thursday through Saturday. The most recent outing was a weiner roast and football game at Redwood Regional Park.

The Royal Rangers have raised money for all of their projects and camp-outs by selling newspapers. The fellows are certainly thrilled with the Royal Ranger program, and are looking forward to next April when we launch the Trailblazer group.



JANUARY IS TRAINING MONTH

A TALE OF TWO SCHOOLS

(Because we feel that this article so appropriately shows the need of better training, we urge you to read it with care and interest . . .)

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I'm a teacher twice over. Monday through Friday I belabor a roomful of seventh graders in math and science. On Sundays I teach Sunday school. Last week I attended the annual public school teachers convention and got pretty excited about my profession. I was glad to be a teacher!

But tonight I'm lower than a first grader's lunch pail. I just came home from the monthly Sunday school staff meeting. The pastor gave a nice talk, but if the public schools had been operated like our Sunday school, education in America would have collapsed a century ago. I worked hard for a college degree which met state requirements. I am required to take additional courses every two years.

How about the Sunday school? Take Fred ————, who joined the church this spring. The deacons figured Fred needed a job so they gave him a class of junior boys. Fred never taught a day in his life. The children got pretty well out of hand, and now no one will take what's left of the class. So Fred stumbles through the lesson week by week.

Mrs. Wilson is a lovely lady who has had a class for years. Each Sunday morning she faithfully reads the quarterly and the Sunday school paper. She doesn't have time to study. Besides, who needs to study after twenty years of teaching? The lesson helps in the quarterlies are fine—but seldom digested, and almost never used.

Compare the classroom situation. Through the week I have chalk-board, maps, bulletin boards and comfortable desks. The school makes available projectors and films correlated with my study units. I'm told we can't afford proper seating in Sunday school. Most of the classrooms do not have tables. Poster work, bulletin boards, visual aids—can't afford them, too much bother,

too busy teaching the "lesson." It's the "can't afford" part that hurts. We managed to scrape up the price of choir robes and new carpeting!

Next, the "opening exercise," a routine that opens nothing and exercises nobody! The only thing that changes is the season. "Silent Night" replaces "Heavenly Sunshine" for a couple of weeks in December. I find our public school assemblies purposeful, brief and usually appreciated. The Sunday school misses on all three scores.

Our Sunday school has no systematic program to tie the young people into the church. Sure, a half-hearted mention is made each Sunday to "be sure to stay for church," which many pupils regularly ignore. In public school special-interest groups meet regularly with adult leaders, helping to tie youth to worthwhile hobbies and careers. What could be more important than a definite program to relate the pupil to the entire church?

I could go on and on. I'm concerned because the Sunday school holds the greatest promise for evangelism and training in the church. Shouldn't it be treated with the same dignity and respect that the public school enjoys?

True, public school teachers are salaried; but have you ever seen a young person bud into life radiating Christ, and know that your teaching had a part in it all?

It may be argued that public schools are stronger because the law forces attendance, while Sunday school is voluntary. All the more reason why we should do everything in our power to make the Sunday school effective and attractive! Many churches are now creating Christian education committees from among their most able members whose task it is to enlist capable workers. Our superintendent is a dear lady, but she's in office only because no one





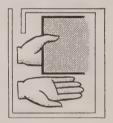
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION FRED J. GREVE, DIRECTOR

else will take the job. She's untrained and she apparently has not learned the value of the periodicals and books aimed at helping her to do a better job. Nor has the church ever offered to send her to a Sunday school convention.

Overwhelming evidence favors some systematic means of evaluation. Our public school district has standing curriculum committees and continuous personnel evaluation. Why not the Sunday school?

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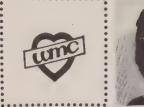
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Give them health and joy that's lasting. Teach them always to be kind. This we ask for all teenagers In their quest for peace-of mind.

-J. Bernice Weiss

The Riverbank Assembly had the largest representation at the Missionette Rally for the Central San Joaquin Section where Mrs. Lil Gary is Sectional Missionette Director. The sponsors of this club are: Mrs. Archie Parsley, Mrs. Lula Powers, Mrs. Wanda Gilton, Mrs. Ruth Brown and Mrs. Lawrence Terry.

A workshop for sponsors of local Missionette clubs was conducted several months ago in the Central San Joaquin Section. Taking part were Sister Miriam Wright, missionary to Africa; Mrs. Lil Gary, Sectional Director; and Willa Vae Bowles, District Missionette Director.

Very active in the "Stairway to the Stars" program and attending the Missionette Rally are girls from the Modesto Airport Assembly. Sponsors are: Florine Sterling, Edith Sullivan and Rev. Velma Lackey. Brother and Sister David Colbert attended the Rally and told of their experience in Jamaica this summer conducting Sunday School Conventions with Helen Rye, our District Missionette Missionary.

Special guests at the Central San Joaquin Missionette Rally were the Missionettes from the Spanish Assembly in Sacramento whose sponsors are Mrs. Esther Lopez and Mrs. Antonia Vidaurri.



S. F. Teen Challenge Center Dedicated

The recently-acquired Teen Challenge Center at 959 South Van Ness Avenue in San Francisco was dedicated to the service of the Lord on Monday, November 9, 1964.

The service was directed by Steve Asmuth, chairman of the Teen Challenge executive committee (in photo). Donald Abbott, director of the center, gave a current report of the ministry of the Teen Challenge workers and introduced some of the staff who presented a musical program which included several converts who participated.

Rev. Floyd Thomas, pastor of San Francisco's Glad Tidings Temple,

gave the dedicatory address.



Brother Joseph Gerhart, District Superintendent, gave words of appreciation to the many who had helped in the establishment of the center and its ministry, and prayed the dedicatory prayer. Among the guests at the dedication were members of the Northern California-Nevada district presbytery.

Following the service, refreshments were served and tours were conducted throughout the four-story building.

B.B.C. HOMECOMING

In conjunction with the Alumni Association, President C. C. Burnett recently announced that February 6 has been set for Bethany Bible College's 1965 Homecoming. Plans are being made for an interesting day of activities. Alumni of the college are urged to make plans to attend.

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Bethany College Chorus Presents "Messiah"

On December 13 the 126-voice Bethany College Chorus traveled to Bethel Church in San Jose, where they presented George Frederich Handel's "The Messiah". The next day the group traveled to Escalon, California, where they again presented Handel's most successful and best known oratorio at the North San Joaquin Sectional C.A. Rally. The presentation was well received by all those in attendance at both gatherings.

The chorus was under the direction of Reverend Forrest Beiser, Chairman of the Music Department. He was assisted by Reverend Dwight Wilson and Mrs. Velma Kienel, also of the college music department.

Miss Pam Edmunds, Happy Camp, California and Miss Cynthia Chriss, Piedmont, California, accompanied at the piano and organ.

Soloists for the occasion were: Miss Georgia Mullins, Napa, California, soprano; Miss Joanne James, Vancouver, B.C., Alto; Mr. Joe Jones, Santa Cruz, California, Tenor; and Mr. David Elmes, also of Santa Cruz, Bass.

The chorus was also accompanied by an orchestral ensemble from the college. Beds for B.B.C.

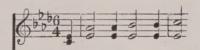
The November Rally of the WMC's of the Butte Section featured Bethany Bible College. Reverend Kenneth Olson, new director of Student Ministries at Bethany, spoke to the ladies at that time.

Mrs. Searl Stover, Sectional Director, had alerted the ladies of a need for new mattresses at the college had urged them to come prepared to help in this project. At the conclusion of the afternoon service, the various WMC Groups of the section responded in just a few minutes with over \$420 in cash and pledges.

The administration of Bethany is thankful to all the WMC ladies throughout the district for their interest in and support of the college.

Prayer Conference

Location of the South West area Spiritual Life-Evangelism Prayer Conference will be Full Gospel Tabernacle, Bakersfield, California, and will be held February 25-26, 1965. The meetings are being set aside for prayer and fasting with an emphasis on the need for spirituality and evangelism. Using such topics as Apostolic Patterns, Evangelism Today, Life in Christ, Life in the Spirit, and Why Pentecost, the conference will be planned but not programmed. Beginning with a 7:30 evening service, the sessions continue through the following day.



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Teen Challenge Report

What price toleration?

How much does toleration cost? San Francisco Bay Area is one of the most open-minded communities in the world. The individual is applauded for his self-expression and his independence of current cultural mores. Homosexuality is not even rated as a sickness, never mind a sin. "Kicks" from light-weight drugs are part of daily living for thousands of our Bay Area youth. San Francisco is one of the worst areas in the United States as the result of our "toleration."

In recent days, marijuana users have been reported as more "out in the open" and militant in defense of their habit. According to a local paper, "San Francisco is rapidly becoming the 'pot haven' of the West." The front page of the San Francisco Chronicle last week read: "San Francisco Dope Parade, 'THE FAR-OUT PROTEST' -It's easy in San Francisco-BIG MA-RIJUANA KICK-BOLDER USE OF MARIJUANA." Drug advocates are parading through Union Square with signs reading, "Marijuana Is Wholesome," "Justice for Marijuana." "Our only Hope is Dope." In spite of ignorant claim of "pot users," marijuanasmoking leads to definite addiction, the last step to mainlining heroin. The only hope is Jesus! San Francisco, with one of the highest family breakdown rates in the world, is taking a sharp increase in narcotics addiction and V.D. among its youth. The typical male addict steals between \$30,000 and \$90,000 worth of merchandise annually to support his habit. A girl addict usually becomes a prostitute.

God is working! We are witnessing Holy Ghost conviction grip hearts of many drug addicts and sex perverts. Two weeks ago, while working in the downtown area, I was invited by a drug addict to counsel with him in his one-room apartment. Relying on God's protection, I stepped into the room. Inside, I saw a teenage girl lying on the bed and two fellows. One was sprawled out on the sofa, and the other was sitting. Both of the boys were "high" on drugs. After I was introduced, another girl came into the room. Beverly was stunned when she recognized me, for just one week earlier, she had come to the Teen Challenge Center and with tears of conviction streaming down her face, had rejected Christ. For an hour and a half this group of teen addicts listened intently to the Gospel message as I told of God's love and power of deli-

We need your prayers for our new evangelistic program. In San Francisco we are maintaining an unprecedented drive against homosexuality. In Oakland a new effort has begun against drug addiction using exaddicts in this area, who are ready to introduce our workers to many bound by heroin.

Pray for Johnny, Kathy, Dino, Jamie, Beverly, Ronnie, Richie, and Pat ... each of whom is "hooked" and living in complete lawlessness and rebellion against God. "How shall they escape if they neglect so great salvation?"

Donald Abbott Director—Teen Challenge

Why Make A Will?

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written so carelessly that they left room for argument, and the courtroom had to be resorted to in order to determine what the testator had in mind and whether this was legally possible.

If a will is crystal clear and drawn in conformance with statutory requirements—which can be very complicated if property is left in several states—it seldom reaches the courts. If you should decide to make a will by all means go to a lawyer.

Working With Your Lawyer

Give your lawyer a complete list of all the individuals and institutions to whom you may wish to leave bequests, including their addresses and relationships. Be sure to tell him of any very close relatives you may want to cut off, such as a wife or child. He may tell you this is impossible under the law of your state and that to attempt to do so may threaten the validity of your will.

Give your lawyer a complete list of all your possessions. If you should leave any out, they may become part of your residuary estate, going according to state law to a specific one you prefer to benefit. In the case of real estate located in various states, your lawyer will have to make sure that your will satisfies the law of each of these states, otherwise the real estate may pass as if you had left no will at all.

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Kim Denise Kramer, born Nov. 5, 1964 to join her brother and parents, Rev. and Mrs. Earl G. Kramer.

More on Wills

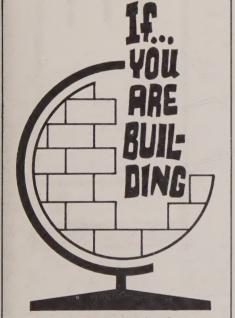
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child, marriage or divorce of a child, your moving to another state, etc. If considerable revision should be necessary because of changed circumstances, destroy the old will-physical burning is best-and have a new one prepared rather than adding a long and complicated codicil to the old will.

Keep your will in a safe place, together with any additional papers that might be needed if your actions or intentions should be questioned in court and make sure your named executor knows where these things may be found.

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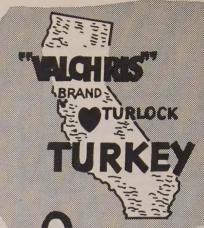
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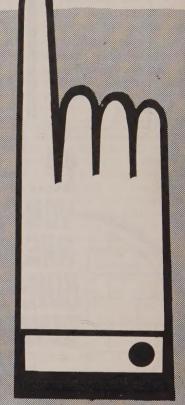


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